

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

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Claim 1 (original): A method for facilitating implementation of an automated system for transacting business, the system having a plurality of users, the users being subject to predetermined rules governing business conduct, the method comprising the steps of:

- assigning a user identifier to each user of the system;
- preparing a security profile corresponding to each identifier, each security profile including a set of authorized transactions;
- preparing a list of pairs of incompatible transactions in accordance with said predetermined rules;
- comparing each security profile with said list, to identify security profiles including at least one pair of incompatible transactions; and
- generating a report indicating those security profiles which include incompatible transactions and the user identifiers associated with those security profiles.

Claim 2 (original): A method according to claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

- after said preparing steps, storing the security profiles and the list of pairs of incompatible transactions in a computer-readable storage medium; and
- retrieving the security profiles and the list of pairs of incompatible transactions from the computer-readable storage medium,

wherein said comparing step and said generating step are automated.

Claim 3 (original): A method according to claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

- modifying at least one of
 - (a) a security profile including a pair of incompatible transactions, and
 - (b) said list of pairs of incompatible transactions, so that said security profile after modification does not include a pair of incompatible transactions; and
- generating a report indicating the modification made in said modifying step.

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[Claims 4-6 (cancelled)]

Claim 7 (original): A computer-readable storage medium having stored therein instructions for performing a method for facilitating implementation of an automated system for transacting business, the system having a plurality of users, the users being subject to predetermined rules governing business conduct, the method comprising the steps of:

retrieving a security profile associated with each user identifier, the security profile including a set of authorized transactions;

retrieving a list of pairs of incompatible transactions, where said list is prepared in accordance with said predetermined rules;

comparing each security profile with said list, to identify security profiles including at least one pair of incompatible transactions; and

generating a report indicating those security profiles which include incompatible transaction and the user identifiers associated with those security profiles.

Claim 8 (cancelled)